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SUBJ: TITO COMMENT ON LC PERSONNEL POLICY AND "PURGE" OF LC

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1. WE HAVE NOTED PRESS REPORTS ON TITO'S REMARKS ON LCY MEMBERSHIP POLICY IN FEB 25 SPEECH TO LCY CC IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED 1) REMOVAL OF UNFIT MEMBERS, 2) ADMISSION OF QUALIFIED CITIZENS, AND 3) ATTITUDE TOWARD FORMER MEMBERS.

2. TITO'S TREATMENT OF EXPULSION FROM LEAGUE IS NOT NEW, (NOR IS HIS EXHORTATION TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS). PARTY ATTENTION TO LC MEMBERS' PUBLIC ACTIVITIES IS NORMAL, AND EXPULSIONS ARE NOT UNUSUAL IF THOSE ACTIVITIES FAIL TO MEET LC STANDARDS AND MEMBER FAILS TO RESPOND TO PARTY CRITICISM.

3. THIRD POINT IS PRIMARILY TITO REMINDER NOT TO EXCLUDE FORMER LC MEMBERS FROM SOCIETY, THOUGH NOT COUCHED IN MOST REASSURING OF TERMS, I.E. "WE MUST KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING." WE NOTE TITO COMMENT "MANY (FORMER MEMBERS) HAVE CERTAINLY ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED BACK INTO THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS." THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS CERTAINLY TO BE INTERPRETED AS AT LEAST TACIT APPROVAL OF READMITTANCE ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT READ IT AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INAUGURATION OF A MASS REHABILITATION OF FORMER PARTY MEMBERS.

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